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OF THE

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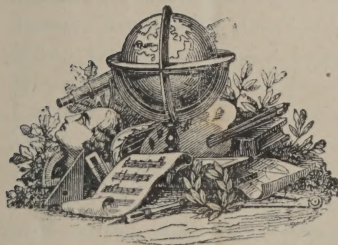
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

WE, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Troy, submit the following Report.

The sum voted by the Town for the repairs of Highways, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six,

was.....	\$700 00
Over assessed,.....	27 04
	————— \$727 04

Committed to Highway Surveyors as follows :

District No. 1,	Jacob Boyce,.....	\$13 15
"	" 2, Henry W. Farrar,.....	33 54
"	" 3, Abel W. Baker,.....	41 36
"	" 4, David W. Farrar,.....	33 92
"	" 5, James Capron,.....	61 35
"	" 6, Alanson Starkey,.....	30 48
"	" 7, Simeon Merrifield, Jr.....	45 48
"	" 8, George W. Brown,.....	30 54
"	" 9, Franklin Woodward,.....	32 61
"	" 10, Elisha H. Tolman,.....	32 90
"	" 11, Joel Holt.	20 40
"	" 12, Jothan H. Holt,.....	20 84
"	" 13, Joseph Alexander, Jr.,.....	32 06
"	" 14, Milan Corey,.....	20 07
"	" 15, Michael Rouch,.....	43 15
"	" 16, Lovel P. Butler,.....	35 68
"	" 17, Alvah S. Clark,.....	18 96
"	" 18, Albert D. Avery,.....	20 88
"	" 19, Lemuel W. Brown,.....	24 81
	Non-Resident Highway Tax,....	95 21
	Thomas Goodall's Highway	
	Tax paid in money,.....	39 65
		————— \$727 04

Amount of Money Appropriated for Schooling for 1866.

Assessed for the year 1866,	\$822 24	
Interest on School Fund note,	24 00	
Railroad money appropriated for schooling, ..	18 00	
Literary Fund from the State,	32 25	
		\$896 49

Division of School Money.

District No. 1, Austin B. Gates, Committee,	\$316 03	
“ “ 2, Charles W. Whitney, “	247 45	
“ “ 3, Simeon Merrifield Jr. “	112 93	
“ “ 4, George H. Aldrich, “	96 11	
“ “ 5, Malachi Tarpy, “	66 28	
“ “ 6, Alvah S. Clark, “	54 58	
George Damon's school tax paid in Fitzwilliam,	3 11	
		\$896 49
Due District No. 5, money not expended,	25 63	
Amount expended for 1866,		\$870 86

State and County Taxes.

State tax,	\$1732 50	
County tax,	655 19	
		\$2387 69

Fire Department.

Paid A. G. Hurlbutt, for services of Engine men,	60 00	
“ E. P. Kimball for oil for Fire Engine;	3 50	
“ “ “ “ “ repairing Fire Engine Hose, 5 50		
		\$69 00

Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

Paid Milan Corey for plank and labor on bridge,	\$2 03	
“ Jothan H. Holt for repairing bridge near B. F. Fox's,	5 25	
“ Gregory Lawrence for railing for road,	9 00	
“ D. M. Farrar for bridge plank and railing,	13 44	
“ Edmond Bemis for labor done on bridge, ..	1 50	
“ Alvah S. Clark for labor done on bridge, ...	3 00	
“ Jothan H. Holt for labor done on highway,	15 65	
“ Charles Carpenter's heirs for bridge plank,	5 42	

Paid Howard Clark for labor done on highway,	75	
" Erastus Tupper for drawing bridge plank, . .	1 00	
" Augustus Hodgkins for labor done on highway,	6 00	
" Franklin Woodward for labor on highway near Depot,	7 50	
		<hr/> \$70 54

Abatement of Taxes.

Charles Haskell, over assessment,	\$3 12	
Daniel A. Field's poll-tax paid in Marlborough, . .	3 74	
Sumner Keith, over assessment,	1 79	
Calvin Fletcher, over assessment,	1 79	
Benjamin Darling, poll-tax assessed for 1865,	4 85	
Jacob Harrington, poll-tax assessed for 1865,	4 85	
Levi Streeter, tax assessed for 1865,	6 35	
Danvers Fassett, dog tax assessed for 1866,	1 00	
Daniel Jackson, poll-tax assessed for 1866,	3 74	
Calvin Lawrence, poll-tax assessed for 1866,	3 74	
Charles H. Osborn, poll-tax assessed for 1866,	3 74	
Joel Oakes, poll-tax assessed for 1866,	3 74	
		<hr/> \$42 45

Support of the Poor for 1866.

Paid Leonard Farrar for rent of Kendall place,	\$30 00	
" " " " pasturing J. Kendall's cow,	6 00	
" Calvin Lawrence for boarding H. E. Taft, . . .	59 34	
" Sarah Rice for boarding Lucy Rice,	85 00	
" Sylvester Drury for boarding Maria Whit- temore,	40 00	
" D. B. Woodward, M. D. for doctoring Taft family,	50 00	
" Whitney & Silsby for goods delivered to Kendall family,	20 80	
" J. Alexander Jr. for boarding Caroline Alex- ander,	78 00	
" House of Reformation for boarding J. W. Woodward,	22 85	
" E. P. Kimball for goods delivered to J. Ken- dall family,	19 80	
" E. P. Kimball for goods delivered to H. E. Taft,	1 92	
" Chancey N. Garfield for boarding John Brown	4 00	
" Edmond Bemis for coat for H. E. Taft,	2 00	
" J. Whittemore for goods for Lucy Rice by order,	3 57	

Paid A. Hodgkins for shirts and drawers for J. Kendall,	2 25
" J. H. Holt for keeping transient paupers,	2 75
" Willard White for boarding H. E. Taft,	19 99
	—————\$448 27

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid Edmond Bemis for services as Selectman,	\$58 50
" Augustus Hodgkins, " " "	42 00
" John U. Beers, " " "	48 00
" " " " " " Town Treas'r,	15 00
" Leonard Farrar, committee on Public Instruction,	63 75
" Leonard Farrar for auditing Town accounts,	2 00
	—————\$229 25

Sundries.

Paid Wheeler & Faulkner for counsel,	\$5 00
" John U. Beers for blank-books for the town,	1 19
" David Parson for plan for bridge,	7 75
" E. P. Kimball, agent to fit up school-room,	300 00
" John Wheeler for ringing town bell,	15 00
" Daniel Starkey, note worthless and burnt, ...	10 00
" E. P. Kimball agent to fit up school-room, ...	150 00
" J. Garfield & Co. for printing town and school reports,	45 00
" Edmond Bemis car fare and expenses to Milford,	7 00
" E. & C. Carter for repairing Hearse,	23 00
" O. W. Smith for wagon shafts broken and wagon,	3 00
" Thomas Wright, sexton for part of the year, ...	8 50
" Stephen B. Farrar, sexton for part of the year,	28 50
" Geo. A. Underwood for breaking wagon shafts,	2 00
" N. B. Fisher for opening graves for Mrs. Taft and child,	3 50
" A. Hodgkins express on town reports,	50
" " " for blank-book and stationery for the town,	3 05
" John Wheeler for ringing & tolling town bell,	20 00
" Augustus Hodgkins for car fare and incidental expenses,	8 06
" Jothan H. Holt for car fare and incidental expenses,	2 75

Paid non-resident highway surveyor receipts,....	\$2 41
“ Stephen B. Farrar in part for collecting taxes in 1865,	6 01
“ A. W. Baker for public watering place,.....	3 00
“ Stephen B. Farrar for public watering place,..	3 00
“ Stephen B. Farrar sexton fees to Feb. 20, '67,	7 00
“ Stephen B. Farrar in part for collecting taxes in 1866,	50 00
“ Non-resident highway surveyor receipt work,	7 12
“ E. S. Cushing for counsel &c.....	34 50
	<hr/> \$756 84

Notes and Interest Paid.

Paid Mrs. Almira Spooner, note and interest,	\$404 20
“ Mrs. Ruth Haskell, interest on note,.....	18 00
“ Elbridge Coolidge, “ “ “	18 00
“ Mary W. Clement, “ “ “	15 00
“ Sidney B. Bowen, note and interest,	320 38
“ Frank Amidon, indorsement on note,	12 00
“ David B. Silsby, note and interest,.....	159 00
“ Polly Amidon, “ “ “	691 35
“ Ruth Haskell, indorsement on note,	50 00
“ Drucilla Silsby, “ “ “	100 00
“ Nathan Winch, interest on note,	75 00
“ Drucilla T. Silsby, note and interest,.....	206 33
“ Haskell Estate, note and interest,	846 67
“ George Stowell, note indorsement,	40 00
“ William G. Silsby, note and interest,.....	331 25
“ Leonard Wright, “ “ “	224 53
“ Drucilla T. Silsby, “ “ “	160 13
“ Mary W. Clement, “ “ “	253 66
“ Frank Amidon, indorsement.	40 00
“ Miriam Holt, interest on note,.....	18 00
“ Calvin Bemis, “ “ “	12 00
“ Interest on town note,	14 17
“ Charles W. Brown, interest on note,	23 00
“ David B. Silsby, note and interest,	204 23
“ Robert M. Silsby, note and interest,.....	110 66
“ Monadnock Bank, indorsement on note, ...	217 08
“ Elvira Carpenter, “ “ “ ...	100 00
“ Polly Amidon, “ “ “ ...	50 00
“ Fanny Forristall, note and interest,.....	168 80
“ Abner Bailey, two years interest on note,...	61 80
“ Edmond Bemis, interest on note,.....	12 00

Paid George Stowell, interest on note,.....	31	80
" David Nourse, " " "	30	00
" Willard White, " " "	30	15
" Elvira Carpenter, note and interest,	107	72
" Monadnock Bank, " " "	700	00
" Edwin Buttrick, " " "	318	75
" Jessee Hiscoch, indorsement on note,	400	00
" Polly Amidon, " " "	50	00
" Willard White, " " "	52	48
	—	6678 14

Recapitulation.

Appropriated for Schools,.....	\$870	86
State and County Taxes,.....	2387	69
Fire Department,.....	69	00
Repairs of Highways and Bridges,.....	70	54
Abatement of taxes,	42	45
Support of Poor for 1866,.....	448	27
Town Officers Bills,.....	229	25
Sundries,.....	756	84
Notes and Interest paid,.....	6678	14
	—	11,553 04

JOHN U. BEERS, Treasurer; in account with the Town of Troy, from March 14th, 1866, to May 12th, 1866.

Treasurer's Report commences March 1st, 1866.

Dr.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,.....	\$913	76
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball for 1856,....	15	30
" " " " " Jonas Bemis for 1859,	10	54
" " " " " John U. Beers for 1863,....	7	38
" " " " " " " " " for 1864,....	88	26
" " " " " Ste. B. Farrar for 1865,..	200	18
Daniel Starkey note,	10	00
Cash received of County for support of paupers,	249	60
" borrowed of Sidney B. Bowen,.....	100	00
" " " Elvira Carpenter,.....	200	00
" " " Hamilton Parker,	100	00
" " " David B. Silsby,.....	200	00
" " " David P. Lowe,	100	00
" " " Jothan H. Holt,	100	00
" " " Polly Amidon,.....	625	00
	—	\$2920 02

Contra,	Cr.
By payment of 29 orders by Selectmen,.....	\$2415 15
Taxes in hands of E. P. Kimball for 1856,	15 30
" " " " Jonas Bemis for 1859,	10 54
" " " " John U. Beers for 1863,	7 38
" " " " " " " " 1864,	88 26
" " " " Stephen B. Farrar for 1865....	200 18
Cash on hand May 12th, 1866,	183 21
	—————2920 02

*GEORGE A. ADAMS, Treasurer; in account with the
Town of Troy, from May 12th, 1866, to March 1st,
1867.*

	Dr.
Cash in the Treasury May 12th, 1866,.....	\$183 21
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball for 1856,	15 30
" " " " " Jonas Bemis for 1859,	10 54
" " " " " John U. Beers for 1863,	7 38
" " " " " " " " for 1864,	88 26
" " " " " Stephen B. Farrar for 1865,	200 18
Taxes assessed for 1866,	5026 79
Dog tax assessed for 1866,	29 00
Thomas Goodall's highway tax paid in cash,....	39 65
John Supple's highway tax,	55
Cash borrowed of Augustus Hodgkins,.....	100 00
" " " Monadnock National Bank,	877 05
" " " Augustus Hodgkins,.....	100 00
" " " Joseph N. Forristall,.....	450 00
" " " Abigail Gage,.....	425 00
" " " Ruth Haskell,.....	100 00
" " " Jotham H. Holt,.....	200 00
" Received from the County for the support of paupers,	45 31
" borrowed of Fanny Forristall,.....	100 00
" received of State Treasurer, Railroad divi- dend,	286 46
" received of State Treasurer, tax on Savings Banks,	168 02
" received for State Aid,	150 73
" " of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	32 25
" " " " " for U. S. bounty,	418 00
" borrowed " Savings Bank at Keene,....	500 00
" received of Abel Baker, highway tax,	5 61
" " " E. P. Kimball for use of hay scales,	16 15

Cash received of Andrew J. Aldrich for use of	
Town Hall,	8 82
" borrowed of William A. Harris,	50 00
" received of James Capron for liquors,	10 00
Received interest on school fund notes signed by	
Selectmen,	14 17
" interest on Chas. Coolidge school fund note,	6 25
	<hr/> \$9664 68

Contra,**Cr.**

By cash paid on 103 orders by Selectmen, ...	\$9137 89
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball for 1856,	15 30
" " " " Jonas Bemis for 1859,	10 54
" " " " John U. Beers for 1863,	7 38
" " " " " " " " 1864,	88 26
" " " " S. B. Farrar for 1866,	150 50
Cash in the Treasurer's hands,	254 81
	<hr/> \$9664 68

Assets of the Town March 1st, 1867.

Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	\$254 81
Taxes in the hands of E. P. Kimball for 1856,	15 30
" " " " Jonas Bemis for 1859,	10 54
" " " " John U. Beers for 1863,	7 38
" " " " " " " " 1864,	88 26
" " " " Stephen B. Farrar for '66,	150 50
Due from D. W. Farrar, rent under town hall,	34 35
Furniture used by Mrs. Putney,	21 17
Value of hay scales,	225 00
Value of town meadow,	10 00
Due from United States for Government Bounties,	1962 00
	<hr/> \$2779 31

One hundred dollars of the above taxes we	
consider doubtful, and therefore deduct them,	100 00
	<hr/> \$2679 31

Liabilities of the Town March 1st, 1867.

One note held by Augustus Hodgkins, principal,	100 00
Interest,	4 73
One note held by Augustus Hodgkins, principal,	100 00
Interest,	4 52
One note held by Joseph N. Forristall, principal,	450 00
Interest,	19 80

One note held by Abigail W. Gage, principal,	425 00
Interest,	18 06
One note held by Hamilton Parker, principal,	100 00
Interest,	5 00
One note held by David P. Lowe, principal,	100 00
Interest,	4 93
One note held by Jotham H. Holt, principal,	100 00
Interest,	4 93
One note held by Polly Amidon, principal,	549 04
One note held by Jotham H. Holt, principal,	200 00
Interest,	7 26
One note held by Ruth Haskell, principal,	100 00
Interest,	3 95
One note held by Fanny Forristall, principal,	100 00
Interest,	1 75
One note held by Miriam Holt, principal,	300 00
Interest,	14 45
One note held by Sarah Haskell, principal,	233 67
Interest,	14 02
One note held by Lee Rosbrook, principal,	200 00
Interest,	33 16
One note held by Augustus Hodgkins, principal,	100 00
Interest,	16 57
One note held by Edmond Bemis, principal,	100 00
Interest,	3 34
One note held by Edward P. Kimball, principal,	150 00
Interest,	23 49
One note held by Augustus Hodgkins, principal,	66 53
Interest,	11 28
One note held by Elipha Kimball, principal,	400 00
Interest,	31 69
One note held by Abner Bailey, principal,	500 00
Interest,	7 66
One note held by Leafy Brown, principal,	50 00
Interest,	6 71
One note held by Willard White, principal,	450 00
Interest,	3 76
One note held by Frank E. Amidon, principal,	62 76
One note held by Susan Lowe, principal,	200 00
Interest,	24 13
One note held by Nathan Winch, principal,	1500 00
Interest,	45 38
One note held by Edmond Bemis, principal,	100 00
Interest,	3 00

One note held by Calvin Bemis, principal,	200 00
Interest,	10 87
One note held by George W. Clark, principal,	100 00
Interest,	24 86
One note held by David Nourse, principal,	500 00
Interest,	6 16
One note held by Jesse Hiscock, principal,	430 80
Interest,	1 07
One note held by Elbridge Coolidge, principal,	300 00
Interest,	21 46
One note held by Lucy Harris, principal,	50 00
Interest,	9 51
One note held by the Savings Bank, Keene,	500 00
One note held by William A. Harris, principal,	50 00
One note held by Sidney B. Bowen, and interest,	105 00
One note held by George Stowell,	492 13
One note held by Ruth Haskell, principal,	250 00
Interest,	18 65
One note held by Hamilton Parker, principal,	200 00
Interest,	12 00
One note held by Samuel Thompson, principal,	300 00
Interest,	34 95
One note held by Lucy Harris, principal,	160 00
Interest,	10 72
One note held by Elipha Kimball, principal,	200 00
Interest,	12 23
One note held by George Stowell, principal,	242 14
Interest,	14 52
One note held by Mary Whittemore, principal,	1225 32
Interest,	73 51
School fund note signed by Selectmen, principal,	236 00
Interest on the same,	2 36
Due Leonard Farrar for rent of Kendall place,	25 00
" Wheeler & Faulkner for counsel,	5 00
" Sylvester Drury, boarding Maria Whittemore,	16 67
" David W. Farrar for bridge stringer,	2 00
" " " " claims for auditing town acc'ts,	18 00
" " " " for printing Firewards' reports,	3 38
" " " " for breaking roads,	70
" Cheshire Rail Road,	1 00
" D. B. Woodward, doctoring County Paupers,	8 10
" Isaac Holbrook, boarding Mary Ann Harris,	28 00

Town officers' bill, by estimation,	180 00
Breaking paths in snow, by estimation,	125 00
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Liabilities,	13257 68
Assets subtracted,	2679 31
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Indebtedness March 1st, 1867,	\$10,578 37

Amount of School Fund Notes.

Charles Coolidge's Note,	\$104 25
Lyman Wright's Note and one years interest,	63 33
Notes signed by Selectmen,	236 00
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	403 58
Interest subtracted,	3 58
	<hr/> \$400 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AUGUSTUS HODGKINS,	} Selectmen of Troy.
JOTHAM H. HOLT,	

Troy, March 1st, 1867.

We, the undersigned, have examined the Reports of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers, with the exception of the United States Bounties, which may or may not be collected.

LEONARD FARRAR,	} Auditors.
EDWIN BUTTRICK,	

Troy, Feb. 27th, 1867.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

At the close of another year, it again becomes our duty to make a report of the condition of the several schools, under our care, containing such statements and suggestions in relation to them, as we deem necessary to promote the interests thereof.

When we reflect, that a good education is necessary in order to promote the highest interests of a community, we can not too highly estimate our Common Schools, in which the masses receive all, or nearly all their education. We ought therefore to see to it, that the system of education in them should be of a practical and useful character. To ensure this, there should be a more critical and thorough drill in all the branches taught, so that the mind may become perfectly familiarized to them. Now it has been found that a judicious system of grading, highly conduces to such a result, by giving a better opportunity to teachers for thoroughly drilling their scholars in the several branches, not spreading over so much ground, but more fully mastering what they go over ; and also affording a chance for obtaining a higher grade of teachers.

During the year, the town has acted in this matter, and given the districts the privilege of grading their schools, and forming a High School, if they should so elect. The result is, that districts

Nos. 1 and 2 have availed themselves of this privilege and voted to grade and associate together in forming a High School.

Our schools have had, during the year, a good board of teachers who have very generally applied themselves to their work, with commendable zeal.

The discipline has been good, and the moral standard raised somewhat, though now, it is far below what it ought to be.

There should be the highest degree of morality and refinement cultivated in all our schools.

And your committee would express the wish that they might have the cheerful and hearty co-operation of all their fellow citizens in bringing about so desirable a result.

We also would suggest the importance of parents encouraging their children's studying evenings, and that while the day-schools are in session, they discourage their attending singing schools &c., as such attendance militates exceedingly against their progress in study; for no one can be out late at night, and pursue his studies vigorously the next day, as all can see at a glance.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Prudential Committee — MR. A. B. GATES.

This school consisted of three terms. The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Mattie A. Ingalls. Good order and general progress characterized both terms. And though Miss Ingalls has been successful in instructing the same school several terms before, much improvement was obvious in her mode of discipline, especially in the drill of the pupils in their lessons.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Wm. Moore of Peterboro,' an experienced teacher and an arduous laborer, thorough in his discipline, full of life and interest. And still your Committee are sorry to say, that there was not that general progress manifested which they would have been glad to have found. Some of the pupils however, far excelled others on the day of examination.

All this may be accounted for, from a few remarks of the teacher, which we insert for the good of the parents. "In the first part of the term, your furnace was in such a condition, that

during one hour each morning, the pupils had to sit in a room whose temperature was only from two to eight degrees above freezing point." This shows us that about two hours each day was nearly lost to the whole school, aside from the exposure to sickness as a consequence, which did actually follow. Again we are sorry to learn that "the third and fourth weeks were no better than one good week, from the fact that some of the scholars had so much to do nights, that they were not awake day times. And such was the case, now and then, during the whole term. No teacher can do justice to his school if he is out nights, neither can his scholars. Had the scholars all attended every day, they could have made a fourth more progress."

Education cannot be obtained short of close study; and one thing at a time is the only way to secure success in any business.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Prudential Committee — Mr. Charles W. Whitney.

The Summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Emily R. Bailey of Swanzey, a lady of a refined and cultivated mind, and whose manner of explanation to her pupils was very clear and lucid. She applied herself to her work with a perseverance and honesty of purpose worthy of the cause, in which she was engaged.

Thoroughness in instruction was the point at which she aimed. She met with commendable success, yet we feel that the school would have been benefited much more, if outside influences, beyond the control of the teacher, had been more favorable.

We hold it to be the imperative duty of all in the district to render all the aid to the school in their power while it is in session, and especially is it the duty of those, who have children to go, to see to it, that they attend constantly and in season, a thing in which they have been sadly deficient.

The second term of six weeks was also taught by Miss Bailey. This term was for the younger scholars in the district, not permitted by a vote of the district to attend the winter school. In some respects this term was an improvement on the preceding one; the attendance was better, and the application closer on the part of some pupils, yet all were not equally disposed to

engage heartily in the appropriate work of the school room, but were more inclined to idleness and disorder, which was quite annoying to the teacher, and a great loss to themselves, as members of the school.

The winter term was taught ten weeks by Miss Charlotte M. Wetherell of Chesterfield. Her health then failing, the school closed without an examination. At our first visit, we found the school somewhat disorderly, and the scholars not much given to study, consequently when called upon to recite, they were illy prepared for their recitations. The teacher labored to correct these evils, and succeeded in a good degree in quieting the insubordination, and bringing the school into more studious habits, so that at our subsequent visits, we found the school more prosperous. Still it was not what it should have been. No teacher can do the good she would with the irregular attendance of a portion of the scholars. There has been more tardiness in this district, the past year, than in all the other schools in town. With such a state of things we cannot make our schools a success. To have them what they should be, we must have earnest parents, wide awake scholars, and energetic, devoted teachers, all working as a harmonious whole.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Prudential Committe — Mr. S. Merifield.

The Summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Nettie A. Blanding, with a good degree of success. The order was good, and the advancement of the school in all the branches taught was in a high degree honorable, both to the teacher and the pupils.

The Winter term was also taught by the same instructress, and with as good success. In the examination of the school, at the close, it was very manifest that the teacher had assiduously applied herself to the duties of her vocation, and her efforts had been appreciated by her scholars. In this district also, it gives the committee pleasure to say, that there is a very commendable interest manifested by the parents and guardians in visiting the school.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Prudential Committee — Mr. G. H. Aldrich.

The Summer term of six weeks was taught by Miss Susan Fisher of Fitzwilliam with fair success; and had the teacher been more energetic, the progress of the school would have been more rapid.

The Winter term of twelve weeks and four days, was also taught by Miss Fisher. The school this term, appeared to have been an entire success. The teacher was energetic and thorough in instruction and discipline, and, as a result, the scholars were ready and correct in their answers at the examination, and good order had been maintained during the entire term.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Prudential Committee — Mr. M. L. Tarpey.

This school was taught by Miss M. A. Tolman. It consisted of but one term of nine weeks of Summer school. Though short, great was the mental progress. And well it might be; for though the instructress was making her first attempt at teaching, she spared no pains. Though her scholars were few she spent all her time in arduously drilling the few, so that, with good order, aptness to teach, love for the work, and patience, the school was one of marked improvement.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

Prudential Committee — Mr. A. S. Clark.

This district, like some others in the town, has only about twelve weeks schooling in the year, six in the Summer, and six in the Fall or Winter.

By a suggestion of the Committee, last year, that instead of two, they had better have but one term, and that in the Fall, the District voted thus to do; and there has been, accordingly, but one term of thirteen weeks, taught by Miss Mary G. Fairbanks of Fitzwilliam, a critical and somewhat experienced teacher.

The school under her judicious management made good progress in all the branches taught, especially in the elementary principles of reading, a thing of great importance in the educa-

tion of the young, but yet sadly neglected. And we would further add, that the course, adopted by the District, this year, of putting both terms into one, has been beneficial.

Besides the schools reported above there have been two terms of High School taught, with success, by Mr. Wm. Moore of Peterboro', and supported by tuition. Moreover, there has been one term of Primary School taught by Miss M. A. Ingalls, maintained by subscription.

In conclusion, we would remark that the year, comparatively, has been one of success in reference to our schools, and one we most sincerely hope we shall look back upon with pleasure as commencing a new era in the history and success of our schools by our having adopted the grading system.

LEONARD FARRAR,	} Superintending	
DANIEL GOODHUE,		} School Committee.
J. S. HERRICK,		

Troy, March 1st, 1867.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1866.

	F.T.		F.T.		F.T.		F.T.		Total.
No. of district,	1	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	
Whole No. of pupils,	59	46	47	30	11	21	7	11	233
Average attendance,	51	40	36	28	10	19	6	10	202
Males,	34	31	21	15	2	14	3	3	123
Females,	25	15	26	16	9	7	4	8	110
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10	6	9	6	9	13	73
Wages of teacher per month,	24	24	26	28	16	20	18	20	
Absence of pupils in days,	356	289	525	96	25	52	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	1427 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tardiness,	4	5	21	12	7	0	3	0	52
No. pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	5	2	4	6	4	2	2	4	29
“ not tardy,	55	41	37	24	5	21	5	11	199
“ of dismissals,	20	8	22	15	1	7	2	1	86
“ of visits by Citizens,	116	24	66	57	33	42	14	17	366
“ by S. Committee,	5	3	7	7	4	4	2	3	35
“ by P. Committee,	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	5

STATISTICS OF WINTER SCHOOLS, 1866—7.

No. of district,	1	2	3	4	5	6
Whole No. of pupils,	32	33	17	21		
Average attendance,	25	26	13	16		
Males,	18	14	8	14		
Females,	14	19	9	7		
Length of school in weeks,	11	10	12	12	7-5	
Wages of teacher per month,	60	30	20	20		
Absence of pupils in days,	385	343	223	299		
Tardiness,	12	26	1	12		
No. of pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	0	3	4	1		
“ not tardy,		22	16	19		
“ of dismissals,	4	37	5	2		
Amount of money per scholar.	\$3 95	4 34	5 38	4 19	8 28	5 14
No. of visits by Citizens,	41	8	6	38		
“ “ “ “ S. Committee,	6	5	2	4		
“ “ “ “ P. Committee,	1	1	0	2		

Amount of money contributed to prolong schools, \$12 25

